This outlay was to be shared between the Government of India and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75:25. The Central Government has released its entire share of Rs. 193.50 crore. The Second Action Plan of the State Government was received and considered in the Central Government. The State Government has been informed that funds required by them for the continuance of the existing schemes and for funding the new schemes envisaged in the Second Action Plan should be provided as a part of the State Plan in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Investment on Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project

1399. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report, "Reinventing a big bad deal", published in the Outlook Magazine dated the 10th July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the Indo-Oman Joint Venture Fertilizer Project;

(c) if so, the amount of investment from the Indian side;

(d) whether the amount is less than the investment required for the revival package of the sick units under HFC and FCI and whether this later route was preferred by the Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, the reasons for the current decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have approved investment of IFFCO & KRIBHCO in the revised and restructured Oman-India Fertilizer Project on 20.6.2000, subject to early resolution of certain outstanding issues. The Project envisages equity contribution of US $ 80 million each from the Indian sponsors of the Project *viz.* IFFCO and KRIBHCO.

(d) and (e) While Government is separately pursuing a comprehensive rehabilitation package based on unit-wise techno-economic viability for the sick units of Hindustan Fertilizer

Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), the clearance to the Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project was for a number of reasons including an assured supply of urea at a fixed price based on low cost preferred feedstock (natural gas) for a long term of 15 years.

Unrest in IPCL

1400. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unrest in the IPCL, Nagothane; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The Unions of non-supervisory employees of Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited at Nagothane had given a notice for one day token strike primarily against all forms of privatisation and disinvestment. The one day token strike took place on 12.7.2000. The management handled the operations with the help of supervisory employees and there was no production loss. Apart from this, there is nothing to indicate unrest in the Nagothane Complex.

Revival of IDPL

1401. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed some committees to study the feasibility to revive IDPL;

(b) if so, the dates of appointment of each Committee and expenditure incurred on each Committee;

(c) what are the reports of each Committee;

(d) what action Government have taken on each report; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to sell IDPL on the basis of the recommendations of BIFR.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to